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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of  
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For: CONNECTOR AND  
METHOD OF  
MANUFACTURE

Examiner: ERIC K. NICHOLSON

Group Art Unit 3679

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of this Request for Refund (Improper Charge of Deposit Account) was deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, Attention: Refund Section, Accounting Division, Office of Finance, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2003.

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Attorney Docket No. FLN.P.US0002

**REQUEST FOR REFUND  
(IMPROPER CHARGE OF DEPOSIT ACCOUNT)**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

ATTENTION: Refund Section, Accounting Division, Office of Finance

Sir:

**I. REFUND REQUEST**

This is a request for a refund with respect to the charge to Deposit Account No. 18-0987, shown on the statement dated July 2003 for the above-identified patent application.

A copy of the monthly statement in which the error occurs accompanies this request.

**II. FEES CHARGED FOR WHICH REFUND REQUESTED**

<u>X</u>	Excess claims	<u>9.00</u>
<u>X</u>	Excess independent claims	<u>42.00</u>

TOTAL REFUND REQUESTED: 51.00

### III. EXPLANATION OF WHY CONTESTED CHARGE IS IN ERROR

It is submitted that the above-noted charges to Deposit Account No. 18-0987 were made in error, per the attached copy of Applicants' Amendment A and Form PTO-1083 submitted therewith filed June 11, 2003.

It is noted in the listing of claims beginning on p. 2 of Applicants' Amendment A filed June 11, 2003, that claims 17-20 had been withdrawn. This was done in an Election filed December 16, 2002, in response to the Examiner's Requirement for Restriction dated November 15, 2002. That left a total of 16 claims, two of which were independent.

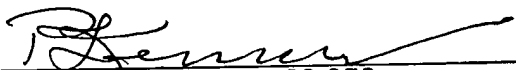
Then in Amendment A, filed June 11, 2003, in response to the Examiner's Office Action dated January 13, 2003, new independent claim 21 was added, thereby bringing the total number of claims to 17 and the total of number of independent claims to 3, all of which had been covered in the initial filing fee.

Accordingly, Applicant requests refund of the improper charges totaling \$51.00.

### IV. MANNER OF REFUND

Please make refund by crediting Account No. 18-0987.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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**Deposit Account Statement****BEST AVAILABLE COPY**

Requested Statement Month: July 2003  
 Deposit Account Number: 180987  
 Name: RENNER, KENNER, GREIVE, BOBAK, TAYLOR & WEBER  
 Attention:  
 Address: 1610 FIRST NATIONAL TOWER  
 City: AKRON  
 State: OH  
 Zip: 44308-1456

DATE	SEQ	POSTING REF TXT	ATTORNEY DOCKET NBR	FEE CODE	AMT	BAL
07/02	381	29176923	VITP0027MY	8007	\$20.00	\$3,543.12
07/02	383	29175166	VITP00026MY	8007	\$20.00	\$3,523.12
07/03	1	29175120	VITP00025MY	8007	\$20.00	\$3,503.12
07/07	9	09975917	FLN.P.US0002	2202	\$9.00	\$3,494.12
07/07	10	09975917	FLN.P.US0002	2201	\$42.00	\$3,452.12
07/07	185	78270484	03147	7001	\$1,005.00	\$2,447.12
07/10	7	E-REPLENISHMENT		9203	-\$5,000.00	\$7,447.12
07/10	103	6395288	<i>KSU</i>	8021	\$40.00	\$7,407.12
07/10	231	6395288	<i>KSU</i>	8021	\$40.00	\$7,367.12
07/11	209	0048370157	TIMCUS0004	8014	\$25.00	\$7,342.12
07/11	210	0050750561	TIMCUS0004	8014	\$25.00	\$7,317.12
07/11	1056	76317453	KSU.T0032	7004	\$600.00	\$6,717.12
07/14	1	0050750559	TIMCUS0004	8014	\$25.00	\$6,692.12
07/14	2	0051250657	TIMCUS0004	8014	\$25.00	\$6,667.12
07/14	3	0046770706	TIMCUS0004	8014	\$25.00	\$6,642.12
07/14	4	0045050266	TIMCUS0004	8014	\$25.00	\$6,617.12
07/14	5	0047110922	TIMCUS0004	8014	\$25.00	\$6,592.12
07/14	6	0047110920	TIMCUS0004	8014	\$25.00	\$6,567.12
07/14	7	0050750565	TIMCUS0004	8014	\$25.00	\$6,542.12
07/15	1029	2078746	ZIC5036W	7205	\$100.00	\$6,442.12
07/15	1030	2078746	ZIC5036W	7208	\$200.00	\$6,242.12
07/15	1092	76342369	SKU.T0003	7003	\$200.00	\$6,042.12
07/18	5	10348481	CGT-1200	1202	-\$375.00	\$6,417.12
07/18	10	10348481	<i>11</i>	9204	-\$576.00	\$6,993.12
07/21	54	10621478	HTI.P.8213	1202	\$42.00	\$6,951.12